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1. The Military Technical Institute (Vojensky technicky ustav - VTU) has been moved from Podmokly to the Jeneralka Castle in Prague. Jeneralka is not suitable for this purpose and planned adaptations have not yet been approved by the Monuments Protection Office. Since the Tanwald branch of VTU was also transferred to Jeneralka, new building construction has been initiated in the vicinity of the castle. Construction is under the direction of Ing. Desperat (who later changed his name to Dubsky), 40 years old and a fanatical Communist. Construction is about half completed. Large quantities of material, mostly radiotechnical equipment, are stored in a specially built concrete warehouse in the castle garden (see Attachment I).

2. Personnel in the Electrotechnical Division of VTU is as follows:

- a. Commanding Officer of VTU: Lt. Col. Bohumil Bilek, about 40 years old and a Communist. His assistant is Staff Capt. Svorka, about 35 years old and an ardent Communist.
- b. Chief of the High Frequency Section: Ing. Ales Posslt (sic), about 30 years old, not a Communist. His lack of technical skill is hampering the efficiency of this section.
- c. Chief of the Radar Subsection: Ing. Rudolf Colicke, about 35 years old, of Russian extraction, not a Communist. He is the most expert technician at Jeneralka.
- d. Chief of the Telecommunications Section: Ing. Smetana, about 25 years old, not a Communist.
- e. Chief of the High Voltage Electricity Section: Ing. Matzner, about 42 years old and a fanatical Communist. He has average technical skill. Matzner is also technical advisor to the C.O. of VTU. Also in this section are Ing. Zdenek Drab, about 25 years old, a convinced Communist, and

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Ing. Kepka, about 27 years old, an ardent Communist and indoctrination instructor at VTU.

f. Chief of the Oscillograph Subsection:

Ing. Loos, a German, about 28 years old and politically indifferent. He has applied for Czech citizenship, and has considerable technical skill and experience.

g. Chief of the Construction Section:

Ing. Langer, about 40 years old, a member of the Communist Party but believed to be anti-Communist in conviction. He is expert in his field. Erich Handrick and Ing. Rolf Backes left this section in 1947 and were transferred to the Western Zone of Germany at their own request, and in accordance with the terms of their contract.

3. The principal tasks of the Electrotechnical Division of the VTU are to conduct research on weapons of German and American design which had been abandoned in Czechoslovakia or acquired by Czechoslovakia at the end of World War II, and to plan production of weapons developed by such research.

a. Research on German guided missiles of the Fritz and Henschel types has reached an advanced stage and tests are being made, primarily on the Malacky range.* Large stocks of such bombs are stored in the Chotebor depot. Final tests were planned to be made in Yugoslavia and Yugoslav experts were being trained when changes in Soviet-Yugoslav relations made this impossible.

b. Research on the V-2 missiles has not progressed because of a shortage of experts in the field.

c. Research on the proximity fuse has made use of American AA projectiles of about 7.8 cm. caliber. This work is considered of special importance, but has been only about two-thirds completed because of a shortage of experts and the disorganization of the Czech radio industry.

d. The Radar Section has completed research on German aircraft radar model Fu G 200, and plans for production have been given to the Air Force Institute at Letnany. Research is also being conducted on the "Berlin" panoramic aircraft radar equipment, of German origin, heavy and containing 50 electronic tubes.

e. Work is being done on the Skrivanek glider receiver and transmitter. This is a Czech designed set, the work of Ing. Golicke.

4. Official visits from foreign experts are frequent. At least three times in 1949 Soviet experts toured the Institute and every detail of the research work was explained to them. Polish visits are restricted and, since the break in Soviet-Yugoslav relations, visits from Yugoslav experts have been prohibited.

25X1 * Comment: Model numbers of these guided missiles are not indicated.

- Attachments: 1. Plan of Military Technical Institute, with legend.
2. U.S. "Proximity Fuse" Projectile.

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